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Hon. Loretta A. Preska
United States District Judge
500 Pearl Street, Room 1320
New York, New York 10007

Re: USA v. Syed Hassan et al
Indictment No.: 1:07CR.711

Dear Judge Preska:

I represent Syed Hassan in the above indictment. When the Court inquired about a trial date yesterday and set January 5, 2009, I advised the Court that I had a long planned vacation for January 9, 2009. The Court then selected January 20, 2009.

I am sorry to advise the Court that over the weekend my briefcase was taken from my car with my diary and other papers. I now realize that my vacation is from January 23, 2009 to February 3, 2009. A February date was discussed between Ms. Zornberg and counsel prior to the Court's taking the bench.

I would therefore request that the Court select a date for the trial after February 3, 2009. I have no other commitments during February and the beginning of March of 2009. I am sorry for this great inconvenience and apologize both to the Court, Ms. Zornberg and to co-counsel.

I will await the advice of the Court regarding this matter.

*Trial will commence on
January 5, 2009 at 10:00am
in courtroom 12A.*

Respectfully submitted,

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SO ORDERED

Raphael F. Scotto

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Loretta A. Preska
LORETTA A. PRESKA
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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